

REMARKS

Claims 7-9, 16-18, 21-49, 55-57, 63-65, 67-69, 79-81, 93-96, 106-108, 115-117 and 120-122 are pending. Claims 1-6, 10-15, 19, 20, 50-54, 58-62, 66, 70-78, 82-92, 97-105, 109-114, 118, 119 were cancelled without prejudice. Claims 7, 16, 21, 55, 63, 67, 79, 93, 106, 115, and 120 were amended. Claims 7, 16, 21, 24, 34, 44, 55, 63, 67, 79, 93, 106, 115, and 120 are independent.

Claims 60 and 62 were objected to as being duplicative. Cancellation of those claims renders the objection moot.

Claims 85-88, 93 and 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Cancellation of claims 85-88 and 99 renders their rejection moot. Claim 93 has been amended and is believed clearly to meet the requirements of Section 112.

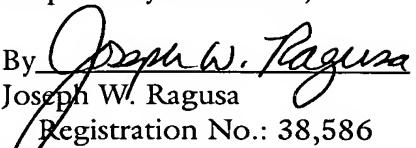
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 24-49 are allowed and that claims 7, 16, 21, 55, 63, 67, 79, 93, 106, 115, and 120 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Since those claims have been so rewritten, those claims, and the claims dependent thereon, are in condition for allowance.

The above amendments and claim cancellations render the prior art rejection set forth in the Office Action moot. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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